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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:00 A.M. Sunday School

10:00 A.M.

Coffee Fellowship

10:30 A.M. Worship

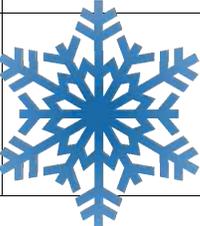
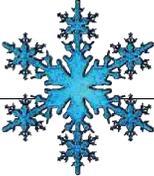
PASTOR'S CORNER

Happy New Year! As always it is time for a new beginning. One of the Bible stories that we read at the beginning of the year is the story from Matthew 2 of the wise men. Of course, we associate the wise men with Christmas but in reality they arrived later. As far as the Christian calendar is concerned, we celebrate the coming of the Magi from the East twelve days after Christmas. Hence the twelve days of Christmas.

The story of the wise men has long been one of my personal favorite stories. When I was young I looked up to the older boys in our church who played the wise men in the Christmas program. How thrilled I was when I got to be one at the exalted age of 10. But even the story itself is full of drama. There is a journey of many days and miles over ancient and exotic trails. There is an amazing heavenly star. There is also a real villain (Herod is still considered one of the vilest characters in history). There are divine dreams and change plans. There is the Holy Family with the young Jesus at its center.

Above all the story of the wise men is the story of a quest. At Living Waters Covenant Church we speak of encouraging the journey to Christ much like following in the footsteps of the wise men. And if this is the case we must remember that this quest, like all quests, has a goal. The goal is to find Jesus. As this new year begins we want to encourage you to set a specific goal of finding Jesus by journeying closer to him. This may be done by following a simple Bible reading plan as devotional guide. Perhaps you could set a goal to give more to a charitable cause or participate in a mission trip. Other possibilities would be to spend more time with a family member or a lonely neighbor. There are also countless volunteer opportunities to help others as well.

May 2019 be a year that you set a goal to draw closer to Christ and then carry through and do it. God bless you on your journey.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
JANUARY 2019		1 Nyanhial Reek Yoa	2 Finance Team Meeting 9:00 A.M. 6:45 Confirmation Gene Foth	3 Gretchen O'Donnell	4	5 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Christmas De-decorating 10:00 A.M.</div> Clarice Buntjer
6 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Coffee Fellowship 10:30 Worship with Communion	7	8 7:00 Lead Team Nyjah Buarapha	9 SDP Exploratory Meeting 4:00 P.M. 6:45 Youth Group 7:00 Adult Bible Study	10 Jacob Eggink	11 Shirley Martin	12
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20 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Coffee Fellowship 10:30 Worship Emily Buarapha	21	22 Marc Gustafson	23 6:45 Youth Group 7:00 Adult Bible Study Christian Bos	24 Gloria Frederickson	25	26 Leah Steinman
27 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Coffee Fellowship 10:30 Worship Annual Meeting & Lunch to follow worship	28 Carol Christopherson Haylee Untiedt	29	30 6:45 Confirmation 7:00 Adult Bible Study Craig & Elizabeth Stewart	31	 	

SERVING YOU IN JANUARY

SCRIPTURE READERS:

6 Tom Ahlberg
13 Carol Christopherson
20 Leroy Eggink
27 Kris Fischer

GREETERS:

6 Brian & Michelle Ling
Tom Ahlberg
13 Dave & Sheila Bos
Duane & Molly Fenske
20 Dean & Carol Christopherson
Leroy & Kolette Eggink
27 Bob & Suzy Brandner
Tom & Deb Martin

WORSHIP NURSERY:

6 Robert & Robin Redman
13 Chad & Katie Kremer
20 Colin & Gretchen O'Donnell
27 Susan Collin & Kadence Hyvari

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP:

6 Duane & Molly Fenske
13 Dan & Kris Fischer
20 Walter & Clarice Gehl
27 Dean & Carol Christopherson

SOUND SYSTEM:

6 Dave Bos
13 Jeff Ling
20 Jerry Luinenburg
27 Ron Hyvari

COMMUNION SERVERS (January 6th):

Brian Ling
Carol Christopherson
Gene Foth
Clarice Gehl

USHERS:

Kevin & Nancy Flynn
Howard Rachuy & Ron Hyvari

**If you cannot serve on your assigned Sunday, please find a replacement or call the church office at 376-5109.*

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LIVING WATERS

NEWS AND VIEWS

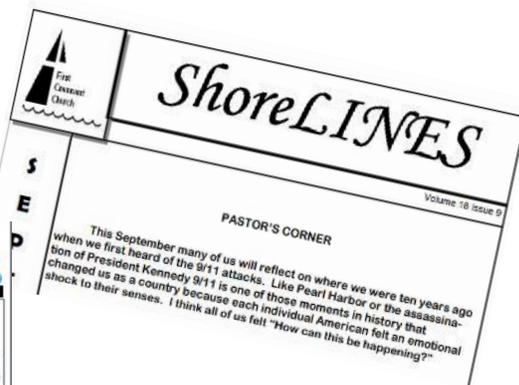
By Gene Foth

As we begin a new year, let us look back on where we have been. For instance the oldest copy of the monthly church newsletter found in storage looked like this printed in 1990 and designed by Rev Chuck Johnson.

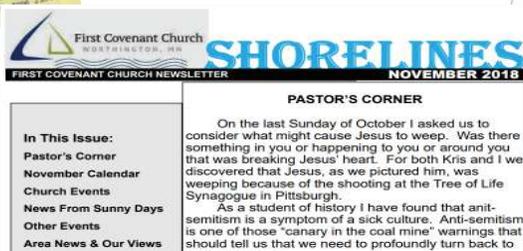


The name was changed to **SHORELINES**

when Rev Peter Erickson was the pastor and Darla Vanden Berg was Secretary in approximately 1960. They thought the name was appropriate because the church was on South Shore and it did follow the lines of Lake Okabena! The graphics looked like this in 2011 under the leadership of John & Kris Stewart



and then it took on a more modern look in 2014. Gene Foth began adding the **AREA NEWS AND VIEWS** in May 2014.



NOW THE LATEST will soon appear with the adopted new name



Violins: Caitlin Middagh, Melanie Loy, Lauren Martin and Nyawal Gach

Cellos: Sam Martin, Lucy O'Donnell, Bryce Olsen

Violas: Katie O'Donnell, Ethan Hyvari, Jessica Darling

Piano: Kris Stewart

THANKS TO MELANIE LOY AND THE COVENANT ENSEMBLE for the excellent Christmas performance.

Left to right they are: **Violins:** Caitlin Middagh, Melanie Loy, Lauren Martin and Nyawal Gach **Cellos:** Sam Martin, Lucy O'Donnell, Bryce Olsen **Violas:** Katie O'Donnell, Ethan Hyvari, Jessica Darling **Piano:** Pastor Kris Stewart

ALSO THANK YOU TO THE KIDS IN THE CHRISTMAS EVE PROGRAM SUNDAY DEC 16....Fantastic job !!!



Well
DONE
THOU
 GOOD and Faithful
SERVANT

DWAINE J. HODNEFIELD, 91, of Lakefield passed away at the Colonial Manor in Lakefield on Wednesday, December 12, 2018. Memorial service was on Saturday, December 15, 2018 at the First Covenant Church in Worthington

When asked how old he is, he replied "I am NOT old, I have just been around for a long time!"



*Our Deepest
 Sympathy*

FRENCHIE REASONOVER 77 died on December 15, 2018. . Farmers may remember Frenchie as the counter parts man for Watland Implement. Grandson, Ethan Hyvari composed a special song for Frenchie and played it on his viola, accompanied with Kris Stewart.

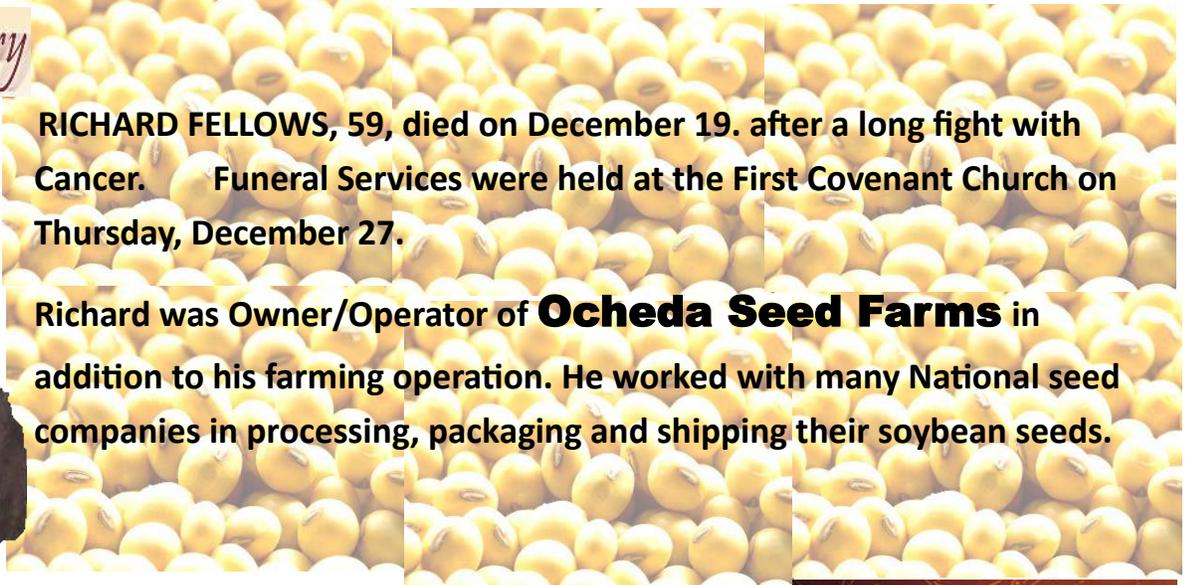


In Loving Memory



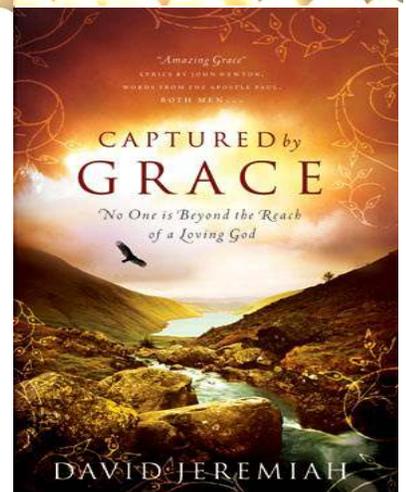
RICHARD FELLOWS, 59, died on December 19. after a long fight with Cancer. Funeral Services were held at the First Covenant Church on Thursday, December 27.

Richard was Owner/Operator of **Ocheda Seed Farms** in addition to his farming operation. He worked with many National seed companies in processing, packaging and shipping their soybean seeds.



Captured by Grace is all about the multifaceted jewel of grace. It will open up vistas of grace you may be unfamiliar with. Most Christians know they were saved by grace, but are not aware that they live by grace. Have you been Captured by Grace? If your Christian life is not what you know it could and should be, it may be lacking in grace.

Come join the **Adult Bible Study** class as the next 10 lessons by David Jeremiah will explain what GRACE can do in your life!
 Each Wednesday at 7 PM





JEANI HARMS

MOTHER - NURSE - HOMEMAKER

BUSY? If you think you are busy just live one day in Jeani's shoes. She runs a home with four boys, Allen Age 12, Dylan age 11, Mason age 7, Easton Age 4 with her husband Chad, who is the owner/mechanic at H & H AUTO and also farms with his dad! **PLUS** she works part and full time as an LPN at South Shore Care Center.



1307 South Shore Drive, Worthington MN

Jeani grew up at Worthington and upon graduating from Worthington High School she enrolled in the nursing class at Minnesota West Community and Technical College. Upon graduating she began her career as a nurse at Lakeview Nursing Home, Lakefield.

When asked why she chose this profession, she said, "I love people. In high school I worked as a C N A & enjoyed the interaction with the elderly. I also enjoyed learning about the medical field and wanted to understand why and what things were happening medically to the people I cared for."

She really likes the fast, furious and very demanding requirements of her job. Jeani says, "Everyday is different. I learn new things almost every day. Most of all I enjoy knowing that when I come to work, I put smiles on the people I care for with my co-workers. It shows on their faces!"

We asked her if there were some sad moments in her career and she said, "I become so close to the people I care for that it becomes hard when they decline and pass away."

MELISSA FELLOWS

FAMILY THERAPIST



Melissa was born in Sheldon, Iowa and raised in Hospers, Iowa. Upon graduating from Spalding Catholic High School she went to the University of South Dakota for both her Bachelor and Masters Degrees on social work. After graduation she began employment at Family Solutions Services, Inc. at Orange City, Iowa as a behavioral health intervention provider and in-home therapist. She is working toward her licensure as a therapist. If your family is going through a tough time -- whether it's from stress, anger, or grief -- family therapy can make a difference. It can help couples, children, or members of an extended family learn to communicate better and work through conflicts. If you want to make a referral for services call Melissa at 507-329-2841.

Melissa Said, "I chose this profession because it allowed me to help children and their families - to better themselves so they can thrive. My goal for my career is to have a positive impact on people's lives and that job is helping me accomplish that. I like being a therapist because I can help other people feel good about themselves and their situations. I love when the children and their families that I work with improve and progress from the help I provide to them. There are many ways to describe my job—therapist, mediator, advocate, mentor, teacher, friend and sometimes even being a baby sitter. I do so much to help my clients by providing advice, guidance, encouragement, attention and mental health discussions."

"Meeting new people and connecting with them is usually fun and exciting for me! Another thing I find exciting is when families are reunited, that is fun to see! I travel to the client's home to meet with them and their families. I cover Nobles, Rock, Pipestone and Murray counties to see clients throughout these areas.

I do not have a formal office and work from my home when it comes to paper-work."



On October 6, 2018, Melissa married Caleb Fellows and transferred her job from Orange City, IA to Greater Minnesota Family Services as a family therapist. They live on a farm south of Worthington.

Melissa comes from a family of three siblings—one older brother, one younger brother and a little sister. She said, "There never was a dull moment at my house! There was always something to do or someone to hang with playing video games, watching movies, going outside to play, or just sitting down and talking."

(Editor's note: Due to HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act) we will not be able to show you pictures of Melissa at her job for privacy reasons.)



The Lead Team will meet
Tuesday, January 8th at
7:00 P.M. at the church

Finance Team Meeting

Wednesday, January 2nd
at 9:00 A.M.

WEDNESDAY EVENING ACTIVITIES

Wednesday, January 2nd
6:45 P.M. Confirmation

Wednesday, January 9th
6:45 P.M. Youth Group
7:00 P.M. Adult Bible Study

Wednesday, January 16th:
6:45 P.M. Confirmation
6:45 P.M. HS Boys/Girls Youth Group
7:00 P.M. Adult Bible Study

Wednesday, January 23rd
6:45 P.M. Youth Group
7:00 P.M. Adult Bible Study

Wednesday, January 30th:
6:45 P.M. Confirmation
7:00 P.M. Adult Bible Study



Sunny Days
Exploratory Meeting

Wednesday, January 9th
4:00 P.M.

High School Boys & Girls
Youth Groups

Wednesday, January 16th at
6:45 P.M. with
John & Ron and Gretchen

Christmas De-decorating

Saturday, January 5th at 10:00 A.M.

All are invited to get together to put
away Christmas decorations.

Refreshments will be served.



CONFIRMATION

Wednesday, January 2nd
at 6:00 P.M.; supper will be served

Wednesday, January 16th & 30th
at 6:45 P.M.

Living Waters Covenant Church
Annual Meeting

Sunday, January 27th following
worship and a meal served by the
high school youth group.

Please plan to stay for the meeting
and support the students.



SUNNY DAYS PRESCHOOL NEWS

We had a busy time getting things ready for our Sunny Days Christmas program. We spent a lot of time singing and learning actions for our songs. It was a nice program; we had tight quarters because we ended up having it in our classroom, but everything worked out.

There were many parents and grandparents there.

We had our Christmas party and ate snacks, played games and watched "The Little Gingerbread Boy"; that was a favorite. We had a fun gift exchange at our party. We also made a gift for our parents. It was a handprint made out of dough and we painted it and sprinkled it with lots of glitter!!

We will be going on a field trip in the new year, the kids are excited about riding the big school bus.

Hope your 2019 is blessed with health and happiness.

Miss Jen

POINSETTIAS

IN MEMORY OF

Gladdy Tengue *given by Naomi Bach*

Grandpa John Kremer and Great Grandma Ruth Westerberg *given by Annabelle & John Kremer*

Rose Gehl, Floyd Rust and Verlin & Evelyn Madison *given by Walter & Clarice Gehl*

Clarence & Mabel Anton and Spenser Yeske *given by Doug & Marcia Anton*

Our Loving Grandparents *given by Ted & Sarah Martin*

Harlan Schneiderman *given by Ferne Schneiderman*

John & Ruth Taylor, Paul & Florence Martin and Harry & Bernice Hill *given by Dale & Shirley Martin*

Our Parents and Grandparents *given by Jon & Melanie Loy*

Walter & Eileen Kopp and Daniel Kopp *given by Daniel & Kris Fischer*

Bob Roos *given by Lindy Roos*

IN HONOR OF

Our Families *given by The Brandners*

Pastors John & Kris, Ian, Paige Stewart *given by Arnold & Elna Sexe*

Our Saviour's birth *given by Gene & Lil Foth*

Harold & Ardell Fischer *given by Daniel & Kris Fischer*

Our children and grandchildren *given by Jon & Melanie Loy*



**FAREWAY & HY-VEE
GROCERY CARDS
AVAILABLE!!!**

Don't forget to pick yours up on Sunday mornings, contact Howard Rachuy or Dean Christopherson or stop in the office during the week.



CHURCH'S WEBSITE

Check out the website at www.firstcovenantworthington.org
You will find the bulletin, newsletter, Sunny Days calendars and much more there.

FACEBOOK

Did you know that First Covenant Church has a Facebook page?

Like us on Facebook and follow all the news!

FYI

Any money that is still being donated to the Building Fund will go toward building up the Contingency Fund.



DEVOTIONAL BOOKS

Copies of Covenant Home Altar are available.

Pick up a copy on the table in the narthex.



TRIP

(Tuition Reduced Incentive Program)
Support Sunny Days Preschool with your purchase of TRIP. Slips listing the participating businesses are available in the office or at Main Street Kids.

"Pray Worthington"

Tuesdays at noon at the Love INC office



Soles4Souls

Village Northwest is collecting new and gently used shoes providing work opportunities for 180 people with a disability. Shoes will be shipped for distribution domestically and internationally to individuals that do not have proper footwear.

Bring your shoes and place them in the collection box in the narthex.



CURRENT NEEDS FOR LOVE INC

Watch the bulletin boards by the office and by the Jerusalem Room for their current needs.

Check out the bulletin board by the Fellowship Hall for posters with announcements of things that are happening around the area.



Check out the brochures on the table in the narthex about upcoming events. Also check out their website at:

First Covenant Church is offering the option of giving your offering online.

If interested, go to firstcovenantworthington.org, click on the "ministries" tab and choose "giving" from the list of ministries.

If you have any questions, please contact John or Kris Stewart.

Happy New Year, we hope you had some good time to celebrate as family during the holiday season! Sunday school will resume on January 6th at 9:00 a.m. and the Formation team is inviting everyone to participate in an Intergenerational Sunday school experience. For the month of January, all ages will meet together in the Fellowship Hall as we look at, "WE – the Unshakeable Promise." During our time together, we will build community by getting to know one another better, hear a story from God's word and learn through experiences for all ages. We strongly encourage everyone to participate in this Sunday school experience and to come learn more about God's Unshakeable Promise to us.



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